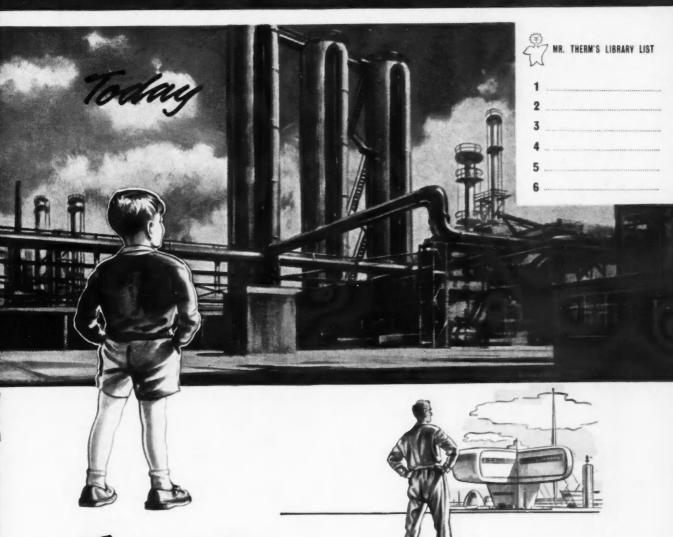
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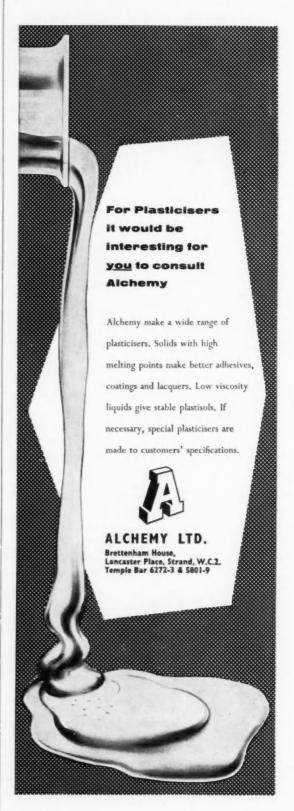
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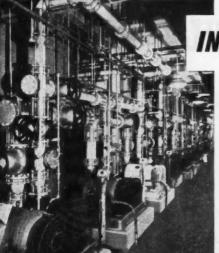
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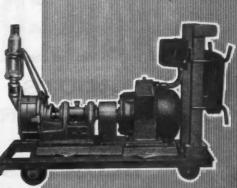
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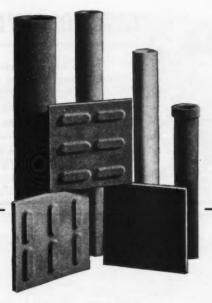
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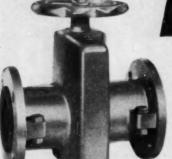
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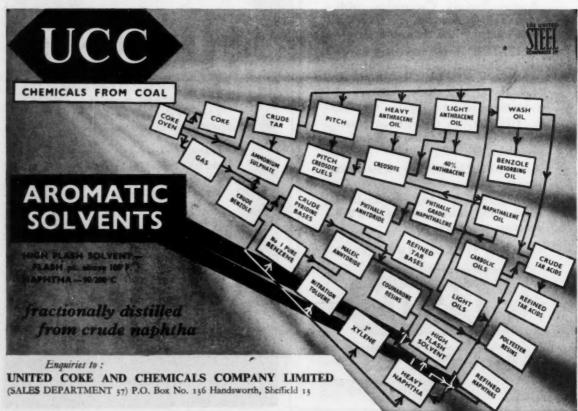
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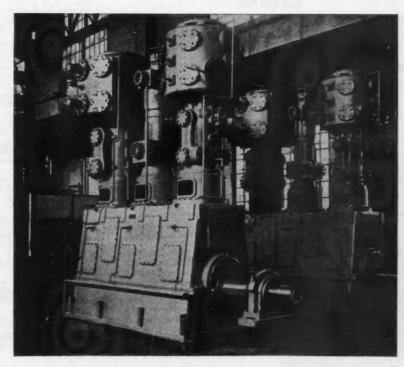
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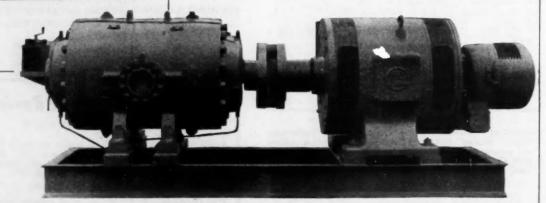






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We are pleased to announce that settlement of the printing dispute makes it possible to resume publication of CHEMICAL AGE normally with the next issue. This emergency edition once more summarises the news of the week.

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After weeks of hope and expectation for an end to the printing dispute, we are pleased to announce that Chemical Age will return to normal next week. We hope, when the new printing agreement ends three years hence, that Lord Birkett's wise counsel to call in the services of the independent adviser will be heeded before any cessation of work. All sides have lost heavily in the dispute just ended, not the least the customers of the printing industry who were not directly involved. So far as publications are concerned this has meant a heavy loss of revenue.

We hope that the emergency arrangements we were able to make have not too seriously inconvenienced our readers and advertisers; we are grateful for their indulgence in accepting our efforts to provide them with a service, even though this falls short of what they have rightly come to expect.

This emergency edition of Chemical Age has been a do-it-yourself operation that would not have been possible without the co-operation of E.A.W. Cast Ltd., who have strained their resources to print the advertisements and covers and the aid of the Bayswater firm who duplicated the news section.

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In addition, the entire editorial

and advertising staffs, both male and female, of Chemical Age have been stretched to capacity to ensure publication. Stencils for the news section have been cut by our own staff. Press day has called for an all-out effort and a great deal of voluntary overtime. The duplicated pages have been inserted by hand into the printed section, stapled by hand, folded by hand and finally placed in envelopes or wrappers by hand. All this unfamiliar manual work has been cheerfully undertaken in the belief that it was helping us to keep faith with our readers and advertisers. Kerosene As Copper Filtration Aid

Since July 1958 kerosene has been used as an aid in copper filtration by Electrolytic Zinc Co. of Australasia, Ltd., at their Rose-bery Mill plant. Some improvement in moisture content of the filtered concentrate has resulted. it is reported, and also a decrease in truck loading time of approximately 40%. This decrease is attained because the filter cake forms small pellets as it falls down a steeply inclined chute to concentrate storage bins and in this form the concentrate rills readily into rail trucks from the storage bins. The kerosene is of dry concentrate to the vent pipe of the Wilfley pump feeding the copper concentrate filter. This results in satisfactory dispersion.

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Now it can be told! On page 125 of this our last emergency edition Chemical Age gives the "inside information" on how it was done. Spurred by the sight of his shirt-sleeved editor folding and inserting copies of C.A. into envelopes - and despite an utter lack of sympathy with pleas for an allocation of more space for this column - even the normally lethargic Alembic put his shoulder to the proverbial wheel. My modest contribution included collecting 3 cwt. of paper from a City paper merchant and delivering it to the firm that duplicated this news section. Before Distillates can return to normal next week, I shudder to think of the collating, stapling, folding and insertensure that readers receive this last emergency issue!

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A few weeks ago I saw the only production unit in the free world for the manufacture of nuclear grade photographic emulsion (see C.A., 25 July, p.67). With their work in this field, Ilford Ltd. can claim to have produced the first photographic material ever to be put into orbit round the earth - in the U.S. satellite Discoverer 11. Mr. C. Waller, chief emulsion chemist, told me that success of the venture depended on being able to maintain a consistent standard of material. Once this had been mastered, it was possible to go ahead with regular production. Though Ilford's hold a virtual world monopoly there is little profit in the venture because total quantities are relatively small. (Annual output amounts to about 500 litres). The team is enthusiastic about this work and takes the view that the scientific task of measuring cosmic rad- concerned to remain anonymous.

iation at great altitudes depends on a company like Ilford's playing their part.

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To stimulate new ideas on commercial use for levulinic acid, Quaker Oats launched a 'Big contest. Cash prizes totalled \$10,000. First-prize winner, \$10,000. First-prize winner, John T. Yoke, Arizona University, suggested the use of levulinic acid as a starting material for a new class of phosphorus-containing compounds, with possible applications as chelating agents, solvents and petrol additives. Second-prize winner, George Busch, Balfour-Culture Ltd., Montreal, proposed that the acid be used to make drugs that increase haemoglobin content of blood. Other uses suggested included: a new class of surface-active agents; sulphurcontaining derivatives; and as lubricating oil additives. At present, largest commercial outlet ing that will have to be done to for levulinic acid is the production of diphenolic acid.

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The Paris conference staged last month on market research by the European Productivity Agency and the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation made history. It was the first attempt to get world experts on this subject together. From reports that reach me it seems that most of the 150 participants were mainly concerned with consumer products or projections of gross national product. Market research to most delegates was a question of gathering statistics and little more. The American concept of chemical market research - a most useful function - is not appreciated to the same extent in this country. present most of such research is undertaken by the big chemical companies, who are not yet used to the idea of employing the services of independent consultants in this field. The advantages are many not the least of them is the fact that they enable the companies

LUSTIN MOULD RELEASE AGENTS. Charles H. Windschigl Ltd., 1 Leadenhall St., London, E.C.3, have been appointed sole U.K. agents for four Lusten mould release agents manufactured by Lange and Seidel of Nuernberg. The four agents are Lusten KE10, universal mould release agent. KE95 for glass clear mouldings and phendic resins, KE200 for polyesters, epoxy resins, etc. and KE400 for separation of reinforced plastics manufactured under conditions of heat and pressure. Range of stabilisers manufactured for p.v.c. by Durham Chemicals Ltd., has been extended by the addition of Nuostabes (in liquid form), hitherto manufactured and marketed in the U.S. by the Durham Group's U.S. associates Nuodex Products Co. Distributors the U.K. of all Durham Group products are Durham Raw Materials, Ltd., 1-4 Great Tower St., London.

AMBER CHEMICAL TRADING PACT.

A reciprocal trading arrangement has been made between Amber Chemical Industries of the U.K. and the D. A. Stuart Oil Co. of Chicago and Detroit (in association with Canadian D. A. Stuart) to operate from August 1. Amber Chemical becomes sole distributor and licensee in the U.K., Eire, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand for all products of D. A. Stuart. The latter will be sole distributor and licensee in the U.S., Canada and South America for Amber products.

RADIO-ACTIVITY ADVISORY SERVICE Elliott Nucleonics Ltd., a member of the Elliott-Automation group, have now inaugurated a new advisory and supply service for installed health monitoring equipment for areas where radioactive materials are used.

The service will make available advice on the most appropriate types of instruments to be installed in each individual case and the company will undertake the system engineering, supply, and installation of equipment, as may be necessary.

I.C.I. SILICON. A larger plant than the pilot plant brought into operation on Merseyside last year by the I.C.I. General Chemicals Division for semi-conductor grade silicon is now nearing completion. The company has issued a new booklet entitled 'Silicon for Semi-conductor Devices'.

SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE. The Board of Trade have authorised the removal from the Register of Restrictive Trading Agreements of particulars of the agreement between 12 makers of sodium hypochlorite solution. The agreement concerned an undertaking by customers not to rebottle the solution in containers marked with any indication of food or drink.

BORAX EXPANSION. Following a study of European conditions Borax Francais S.A., plan to embark on a further apital expenditure programme of Fs. 500m. in order to modernise and supplement existing services at their factory and also to provide for considerable further expansion in boric acid production; this is additional to the extension in progress which was announced earlier, and which involves capacity equal to double the existing production.

CHEMICAL CONTROL OF BOTRYTIS. Discovery of a new chemical compound which, it is claimed, controls botrytis in lettuce without affecting growth and is effective against tulip 'fire' in plants grown under glass and against stem botrytis in tomatoes is reported by Boots Pure Drug Co. Ltd. Trade name of the new product is "Allisan". More details will be released shortly.

Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society, succeeds the late Mr. R. Foot, M.P., as a member of the Medical Research Council.

Mr. A. L. Davies, managing director of Chemstrand Ltd., has sailed for the U.S. with his family on a three-week combined business trip and holiday.

PRODUCTION of thin chromium sheet, hitherto an unobtainable material, is now possible. Using a new technique, the Dicrom chromising process, developed by Metal Diffusions Ltd., Isleworth, Middlesex, purity of the sheet is stated to be as high as 96%. This important development has resulted from research carried out by Mr. Eric G. Weatherley, technical works director of Metal Diffusions Ltd., and is considered akin to the 'lost-wax' technique employed in the manufacture of jetengine blades: the sheet-steel pattern (like the wax) virtually disappears, being replaced in the Dicrom process by chromium sheet of similar dimensions and finish. Commercial and scientific use of the sheet, described as being surprisingly ductile, are now being assessed, but one major application is likely to be linings for chemical vessels and for fuel chambers in space rockets.

#### High-Purity Deposits.

Various methods of chromising have been in commercial operation since 1941, but only two methods have been operated in the U.K. to any appreciable extent. Last year, Metal Diffusions Ltd. brought the Dicrom process of metal diffusion into operation. With this process it is possible to produce a depth of diffusion of between 1 and 15 thousandths of an inch, depending on the metallic analysis of the article treated; and a particular advantage is stated to be the high purity of the chromium deposited on the surface - always above 60% compared with the usual surface purity of 40-45%.

In cases where special resistance to oxidation is required, at temperatures up to 1,180°C, mild steel can be treated to afford the same resistance to corrosion as that afforded by a 40%-Ni/22%-Cr alloy steel, usually, Metal Diffusions say, at between one-third

and one-half of the cost. Using combined Cr/Al diffusion, effective resistance to corrosion at temperatures up to 1,305°C is achieved by Dicrom treatment.

Adequate resistance to corrosion is claimed for this chromising process when sulphur-bearing gases are present. In more acid conditions, more protection is achieved by alloying another metal with the chromium. Also the higher percentage of surface chromium provided by the Dicrom process permits fuller use to be made of the physical properties of chromium, i.e. its extreme hardness, resistance to abrasion, immunity to attack by many chemicals. Furthermore a Dicrom chromised surface can be electropolished to produce a finish comparable with chromium plating. Overall cost is stated to be competitive.

Applications suggested for the picrom process include equipment in contact with flue gases, pumps and other plant handling corrosive fluids, chemical plant, etc.

NEW STANDARD OF METRIC MEASURE. A new standard metric measure of 25 millilitres has been introduced following representations that a measure of this size should be made legal for use in trade, and after consultation with organisations representing the medical and pharmaceutical professions. The new order will be published as the Weights and Measures (Board of Trade Standard 25 millilitres) Order, 1959/S.I. 1959 No. 1315, price 3d, by post 5d, obtainable from H.M.S.O., Kingsway, London WC2, and branches.

VACUUM EQUIPMENT. A new company, Torvac Ltd., has been formed and centred on Cambridge to advise on design and manufacture of all types of special vacuum equipment for use in the high, medium or rough ranges, with special emphasis on metallurgical equipment and batch and continuous metallising. Associated with the new concern is Mr. M.E. Boston as vacuum engineering consultant.

EXPERIMENTS WITH KIER
EFFLUENT AT STALYBRIDGE

LATEST report of the North-Eastern Area Committee of the Mersey River Board, referring to the Cotton Cellulose Co. Ltd., (Bleachers' Association Ltd.), of Constablelee Works, Rawtenstall, observes that following a meeting of a pollution sub-committee with representatives Bleachers' Association toof the wards the end of last year, the association decided to install a full-scale plant at the works by which they expected to remove the sulphides and the alkalinity of their most polluting effluent. This was then expected to take six months to install but for various engineering reasons completion of the work will take about another four months.

South-Eastern Area Committee, referring to Calico Printers' Association Ltd., Gartside and Co., (Manchester) Ltd., Buckton Vale Works, Stalybridge, notes that this company discharges up to 1,750,000 gall. of effluent a day to the Carr Brook, a tributary of the Ri-ver Tame. Experiments have been carried out by the Stalybridge and Dukinfield Joint Sewerage Board to see whether about 15,000 gall./day of the company's strongest (kier) . liquors might with advantage be discharged to the sewers. The Sewerage Board are understood to be likely to agree to accept the liquors for an experimental period provided that the River Board will accept a possible deterioration in the effluent from the sewage works. The committee has agreed to this.

COTTON AND RAYON RESEARCH MERGER?
The British Cotton Industry Research Association and the British Rayon Research Association are investigating the question of a merger. Councils of the associations set in Manchester last week, together with representatives of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, the Board of Trade, the Cotton Board and the

Man-Made Fibres Producers Committee. Against the background of reorganisation of the industry, arising from the Government's redundancy and re-equipment proposals, the possibility of a fusion of the two organisations was considered. A working party has been set up to consider the problems involved and the form that practical arrangements might take.

New B.O.G. WORKS AT ST. HELENS.

New works are being built by
British Oxygen Gases Ltd. at
St. Helens for the supply of
oxygen and other industrial gases
to that area. Construction began
on 29 June, and the works, to be
known as British Oxygen Gases Ltd.
St. Helens Works, will go into
production about December this year.
Producing plant is being built
by British Oxygen Engineering Ltd.
with buildings and civil work being
undertaken by Contractors (Manchester)
Ltd. with D.O.E. as architects.

POSSIBLE CURTAILMENT OF PRODUCTION

AT I.C.I'S PRUDHOE WORKS

EFFORTS to attract more industries to the area and to expand the local works of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. were discussed at a meeting of Prudhoe (Northumberland) Urban Council. Mr. R. Speir, M.P. for the area, said, in a letter to the council, that he had approached I.C.I. about their Prudhoe works and had been informed that as there was a world over-production of sulphate of ammonia, far from extending the Prudhoe Works, there was a possibility that they might have to be curtailed. Mr. Speir said he had suggested to I.C.I. that they should begin production of a new product at Prudhoe, and the company had stated that this proposal would be considered.

CIBA ARALDITE CHARTS. A folder with charts showing how to use Araldite expoxy resin adhesives for different materials is published by CIBA (A.R.L.) Duxford, Cambridge. A folder for their technical notes can also be supplied.

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ONE of the largest sources of ammonium sulphate in the U.K. is at the by-product plant of the Steel Co. of Wales, Port Talbot, South Wales. Since 1951, large tonnages have been produced from the gas from coke ovens combined with ammonia gas from the ammonia still. Ammonium sulphate crystals settle in the bottom of the saturator and the slurry is drawn off continuously to an inverted cone of 18/8 chromium nickel stainless steel from which the crystals are delivered to centrifuges to eliminate the bulk of the moisture.

In the 'A' plant, put into service in 1351, are two centrifugal machines supplied by Watson Laidlaw and Co. Ltd. of Glasgow. Both centrifuges are fitted with 18/8 Cr-Ni-Mo stainless steel baskets. When examined in October 1958, these units had achieved a throughput of 41,200 tons of ammonium sulphate and only two baskets had had to be replaced after being in service from 1951 until April 1957. In the 'B' plant, which came into operation in 1956, throughput for 1956, 1957 and nine months of 1958 was 12,626 tons. The baskets of the two machines, of 18/8/3 Cr-Ni-Mo stainless steel, are still in service.

#### Moisture Content.

All four centrifuges, IncoMond report (Inco-Mond Magazine,
No. 10) reduce the moisture content
of ammonium sulphate to 5% in
about 15 min., following which the
salt is fed to a rotating hot air
dryer. On the average about 3½
cwt. of NH4SO4 is processed in each
basket, each of which is emptied
about three times an hour.

The stainless-steel shell plate of each basket is in thick having perforations 7/32in. dia., at 2 in. square pitch. Next comes a stainless-steel woven backing lining (16 meshes/sq.in. and thickness of wire of 17 s.w.g.).

The inner lining is a stainlesssteel sheet of 21 gauge plate perforated with holes approximately
1/16 in. dia. By accurate control
of the process, Abbey Works report
that they can now obtain uniform,
coarse-grain crystals which enable
the salt to be free-flowing for
bulk delivery to ship or
fertiliser plants.

B.D.H. URANIUM COMPOUNDS . SHOW PRICE FALL .

Prices of uranium compounds for industrial use have fallen steeply, British Drug Houses (B.D.H. Laboratory Chemicals Division), Poole, Dorset, reports. More freely available to industry also is uranium oxide (UO2) black technical. This is depleted in U235, but it is satisfactory as a source of uranium for all purposes where the isotopic composition is not of importance.

Included in B.D.H.'s July list of new entries in the 1959 Catalogue is 1-2-pyridyl-azo-2-naphthol (PAN). This is a dyestuff which forms coloured chelate compounds with several heavy metals and Cheng & Bray (Anal. Chem., 1955 27,782) have shown that it can be used as an indicator for complexometry. PAN is particularly useful since beryllium, aluminium and the alkaline earth metals give no coloured products, and this enables zinc and copper to be estimated in the presence of large amounts of alkaline earths.

Also available is Macdonald's reagent for determination of fat in milk and milk products (Analyst 1958 84, 287). Non-corrosive to glassware, the solution can be used with standard Gerber apparatus and is stated to give results with an accuracy equal to that of the Gerber method. As the solution is neutral there is no tendency for fat hydrolysis to take place if milk and reagent remain in contact for prolonged periods. Other new entries are acetone-dicarboxylic acid, hydroxy-courmarin, beta-propiolactone and tetra hydro-thiophene.

Mr. J.B. Adams has been named director of a new Atomic Energy Authority establishment to deal with controlled thermonuclear research. It has not yet been decided where the new establishment will be sited. At present Mr. Adams is director of the Proton synchroton group of the European Council for Nuclear Research (C.E.R.N.) near Geneva.

Dr. L.A. Jordan, C.B.E., the founder-director of the Research Association of British Paint, Colour and Varnish Manufacturers, is to relinquish his appointment on 6 October. To commemorate his 33 years' distinguished service, extensions to the Paint Research Station, Teddington, now in hand, will be called the Jordan Laboratory.

Mr. Chester H. Goodwin, for the past two years general project manager of Chemstrand Ltd. and responsible for the design and construction of the new Acrilan acrylic fibre plant at Coleraine, N. Ireland, is returning to the U.S. parent company, Chemstrand Corp., Decatur. He has handed the plant over to the general works manager, Mr. T.H. Makepeace.

Mr. A.J. Prince, development director of the I.C.I. Heavy Organic Chemicals Division, has retired after more than 31 years' service with the company. He joined Synthetic Ammonia and Nitrates (which became I.C.I. Billingham Division) in 1928, after four years as chemist with Lafarge Aluminous Cement Co. From 1928 to 1939 he was associated with the development in fertiliser granulation and with improvements in the manufacture of nitric and sulphuric acids. After the war, he was concerned with the development of petrochemicals, notably plasticiser alcohols via the Oxo process. He will be living at La Lezardiere, Cinq-Mars-la-Pile, Indre et Loire, France, where he will carry out industrial consultancy.

Air Chief Marshall Sir Claude Pelly has been appointed by the U.K. Atomic Energy Authority as Member (designate) for Weapons. Since 1956 he has been Controller of Aircraft for the Ministry of Supply. At the A.E.A. he will later this year succeed Sir William Penny who follows Sir John Cockcroft as Authority Member for Scientific Research.

Mr. E.J. Hill has been appointed to the board of Associated Chemical Companies (Sales) Ltd. as director in charge of home sales, in succession to the late Mr. Eric Hargreave. Mr. Hill joins the company in October after resigning as a director of Frank Segner & Co. and F.S. Bayley Clanahan & Co.

Mr. R.H. Bolt has retired from Hardman and Holden Ltd. after nearly 30 years' service. He is known particularly for his development of Manox blue pigments.

Mr. F. Goulding (general pharmaceutical sales manager) and Dr. A.M. Brunton (director, medical services) have been appointed directors of Pfizer Ltd., Folkestone, Kent. Dr. J.K. Morrison has been appointed head of clinical research.

Dr. H.R. Barnell has been appointed as Chief Scientific Adviser (Food) to the Ministry of Agriculture. He succeeds Dr. Norman Wright, who joined the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations in February, 1959.

Mr. J.E. Burn has resigned from the board of the United Indigo and Chemical Co.

Dr. F.D.S. Butement senior lecturer, department of inorganic and physical chemistry, Liverpool University, is to tour universities and nuclear establishments in South America.

Chemical Age

BRITISH TAR PRODUCTS. Net profit for British Tar Products Ltd. for the year to 31 March 1959 was £39,284 (£119,178). Dividend 13½% (same equivalent plus capital bonus 5%). Fixed assets are £314,376 (£205,869). Current assets are £325,640 (£448,890) and liabilities £144,919 (£146,979). Commitments total £11,000. Referring to products for plastics and chemical industries, chairman Mr. F. Woolley-Hart says that although profit margins tend to shrink prospects at home and abroad now appear somewhat brighter.

BENN BROTHERS, publishers of Chemical Age. Group profit for year ended 30 June was £76,775 (£71,574), before tax of £33,839 (£39,174). Dividend, already known, 12½% (15%). Fixed assets of £452,683 (£74,485) reflect revaluation of Bouverie House. Current assets are £504,306 (£589,011); current liabilities £155,552 (£81,641). Reserves total £377,788 (£5158,949).

FISONS LTD. Final stage in negotiations to acquire the world rights to the registered trade mark Liquinure and Liquinure formulations, from Dr. L. Blass, and in addition its manufacture and distribution from Ulvir, have been reached by Fisons Ltd. This change will become effective from October.

IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
During July, £9,976,200 Loan
Stock was converted into
6,883,578 I.C.I. £1. Ordinary
shares. Of the original issue
of £40m. Loan stock, £24,382,700
was converted in July,1959,
which together with the
£9,976,200 now converted gives
a total conversion to date of
£34,358,900, representing
approximately 86% of the original issue. Third and final op-

tion to convert the outstanding £5,641,100 into I.C.I. Ordinary will be exercisable July, 1960.

U.S. BORAX & CHEMICAL. United States Borax and Chemical, the U.S. operating company of Borax (Holdings), report record sales of \$17.5m. in the June quarter, compared with \$14.5m. in the corresponding 1958 period. Net income was \$2,036,716 against \$891,692. Sales for the nine months to 30 June amounted to \$47.3m., compared with \$39.8m. Net income was \$4,676,029 against \$1,493,061.

#### TRADE NOTES

Greeff Distributors for Amoco.

R.W. Greeff & Co. have been appointed exclusive distributors for the U.K., N. Ireland and Eire for a number of Amoco's chemicals. They will work with Dr. A.J. Skey, European representative for Amoco Chemicals Corp., Chicago, who is located in London. Greeff will handle sales of Panarez hydrocarbon resins and resin solutions, Panapol hydrocarbon polymers, Panaflex plasticisers, isooctyl alcohol, decyl alcohol and methyl mercaptan.

New Address. Barter Trading Corporation Ltd., are from 18 August moving to 69 Grosvenor Street, London W.1.

Nansa Powders. Marchon Products Ltd., Whitehaven, have issued a combined leaflet on their free flowing alkyl aryl based range of Nansa powders.

New Metal-Rubber Laminate. A new type of sealing material - a laminate of light alloy sheet and Hycar synthetic rubber - has been marketed by Fireproof Tanks Ltd., Portsmouth. This laminate, known as Hy-Clad, combines the rigidity of metal with the oil resistance of Hycar, made by British Geon Ltd., enabling gaskets and washers to be used repeatedly without damage. Joints are fluid tight.

EAST GERMAN CHEMICAL PLANS. According to an East German Government statement, the country's engineering and heavy equipment industry will have doubled its output of capital goods for the chemical industry by 1965. In the period until then a total of 137 new chemical plants will be opened in East Germany, the number of individual sets of installations to exceed 400. By the end of the 7year plan production of carbide in East Germany will have risen to 1.2m. tons. This will be realised by reconstruction of the carbide ovens in the nationally-owned Buna chemical works - which will be the largest carbide producer in the world - and the chemical works in Piesteritz and Hirschfelde. In addition production of soda is to be raised to 658,000 tons by 1965.

UNION CARBIDE'S ENTRY INTO FIBRES.
Because Union Carbide have taken
an option on American Viscose's
rayon plant at Roanoke, Va.,
U.S., observers believe the
company is to enter the synthetic
fibres field. Avisco closed their
plant last autumn because of
overcapacity in the industry.
Union Carbide are now studying
engineering and economic possibilities of the plant. At present,
they produce Dynel - 8m.lb./year but the company is interested in
other fibres, such as polythene
and polypropylene.

GREECE-HUNGARY ACREEMENT. Among the principal goods to be received by Greece under a trade agreement with Hungary are pharmaceuticals and chemical fertilisers.

THAILAND PHARMACEUFICAL PLANT
FOR MERCK. Licence to build a
pharmaceutical plant in Thailand
has been granted to Merck Inc. by
the Government of Thailand. The
new plant will make vitamins,
diuretics, steroids, antibiotics
and other pharmaceuticals. Con-

struction is to begin at once on a tract of land near Bangkok.
First production is due about 1 January 1960. Initial investment, including plant and working capital, will be about \$1.5m.
Merck Inc. will put up \$540,000, B.L.H. Trading Co., (Merck's distributors in Thailand) \$360,000 and Merck of Thailand \$550,000.

In 1958, pharmaceutical imports into Thailand totalled \$16 m.
Merck's new plant will also serve an extra 180 m. people in South East Asia.

ITALIAN CHEMICAL OUTPUT UP. Though aggregate production of Italian industry in May 1959 showed an increase of only 4.5% over May 1958, in the chemical industry the increase was 11.9%. For the period January-May 1959 production was 17% higher than in the corresponding period of 1958.

STAATSMIJNEN TO PRODUCE POLYTHENE. Dutch State company, Staatsmijnen, announce that later this year they will produce polythene. They will also double their present urea capacity by erection of new plant (see 11 July. P.3.). The company had a 43% share in Holland's nitrogenous fertiliser export of 858,000 tonnes. Production of caprolactam, some of which Staatsmijnen is now exporting, rose by 8% on the 1957 figure.

FRANCO-GERMAN CHEMICAL GROUP. Two French chemical concerns, Societe d'Electro-Chemie, d'Electro-Metallurgie et des Acieries Electriques d'Ugine and Progil S.A., both of Paris, and the West German company Farbenfabriken Bayer AG, of Leverkusen, have formed a joint company. Bearing the name of Progil-Bayer-Ugine (P.B.U.), the Frenchregistered firm will be concerned with production and marketing of isocyanates, polyesters and polyethers. With a head office in Paris, the company will work from a production plant to be erected near Grenoble. Amount of the company's capital has not yet been decided upon, but it is announced that Farbenfabriken Bayer will

hold 50% and the two French concerns together the remaining 50%. The new company's aim is mainly to serve the growing demand for its products in Metropolitan France and the franc zone, but its products will also be exported.

May, Italian Sulphur Board (Ente Zolfi Italiani) received from producers 10,263 tonnes of sulphur. During the same month the board succeeded in marketing 10,678 tonnes of sulphur (5,100 tonnes of which were exported abroad.) Thus by 1 June reserve stocks diminished very slightly and totalled 225,141 tonnes.

WESTERN GERMANY'S PLASTICS. In the first four months of this year almost 244,000 tonnes of plastics were produced, or 21% more than in the same period of last year. Polymerisation plastics, at 115,000 tonnes of this total, were 29% up on 1958, while in this group the output of polyolefins rose by 50%. At the same time, plastics imports were up by 25% over the period while exports rose by only 23%. Best plastics supplier and customer of West Germany was the U.S.

The U.K. imported German plastics worth about £1,475,000 and exported plastics worth £319,000 to West Germany.

SPAIN LIBERALISES CHEMICAL IMPORTS. Chemicals, synthetic rubber and mineral oil by-products are among the hundred commodities which may now be imported with no restriction on quantity into Spain from a number of foreign countries, including the whole O.E.E.C. block. The import liberalisation list, published in Madrid two weeks ago, comes into immediate effect.

U.S. PATENT FEES MAY RISE. Increased fees for U.S. patents are likely if Congress approves Bill H.R. 2739. Increases proposed are: patent application fees - from \$30 to \$40, with a \$2.00 charge for each claim over five; fee at time patent is issued will go up from \$30 to \$50 with a

\$2.00 charge for each claim over five. If approved, fees will cover about 50% of the U.S. Patent Office's operating costs; under present schedules, fees cover less than 35% of these costs.

I.G. FARBEN LIQUIDATORS AND SHARE SALTS. Liquidators of the I.G. Farben company have laid a report before the U.S. Congress to say that the fact that they decided not to appeal against the Washington District Court's decision in the General Aniline and Film Corp. lawsuit between the Swiss Interhandel company and the U.S. Government does not mean that they have given up their claims on the corporation's shares. They want recognition of shareholders of the company-inliquidation and a share in the proceeds from any sale of General Aniline and Film.

FERTILIZERS & CHEMICALS' SUBSIDY. Fertilizers and Chemicals Co. in Israel are making strict economies to compensate for the reduction of the I£3 million Government subsidy by I£500,000. The subsidy compensates the company for the high cost of local raw materials, and enables it to keep fertiliser prices down. Overhead expenses for training and production engineering at the plant are to be reduced, as well as manpower. The plant, which employs 1,023 people, sold I£13 million worth of products on the local market, as well as \$1 million in exports, during 1957-58. During that period, the company saved israel \$3 million, formerly spent to import fertilisers, in addition to the \$400,000 earned by exports.

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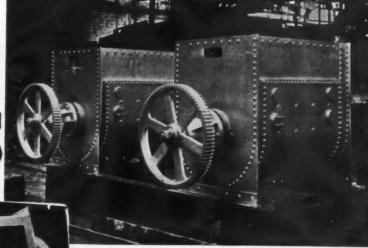
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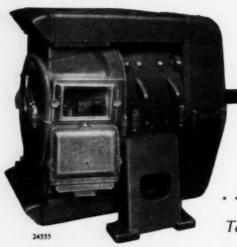
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